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Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/927,436; Filed: August 13, 2001
For: **Highly Homogeneous Molecular Markers for Electrophoresis**
Inventors: Tadayoni-Rebek *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5300001/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply to Election of Species Requirement, with Exhibit A; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply to Election of Species Requirement. This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks, including the reply to the election of species requirement.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.